



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, more than 8 million people in the U.S. are living with chronic wounds; and

WHEREAS, hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) is a proven treatment option for wounds, infections or injuries that have not responded to standard treatment; and

WHEREAS, HBOT is most commonly used for the treatment of diabetic ulcers of lower extremities, radiation injury to bone or tissue, compromised grafts and flaps and chronic refractory osteomyelitis; and

WHEREAS, of the 18 million people diagnosed with cancer in the U.S., about half of them have received radiation therapy. About 15 percent of patients who undergo radiation therapy may develop late radiation tissue injury; and

WHEREAS, HBOT has emerged as a treatment option for patients who suffer from late radiation tissue injury. HBOT helps patients by stimulating growth of new blood vessels following radiation-induced damage; and

WHEREAS, over 34 million people in the U.S. have diabetes, and 25 percent of them will develop a foot ulcer, possibly leading to amputation. HBOT provides necessary oxygenation which is critical in preventing amputation; and

WHEREAS, Hyperbaric Awareness Month aims to spread national, statewide and local awareness of available treatment options for people suffering from radiation injury, chronic wounds and diabetes to prolong lives, avoid amputations and reduce the cost of care, while improving quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 2023, as

Hyperbaric Awareness Month

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 8th day of May 2023.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor